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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: HSIP Funded Road Diet Project - Interagency Consultation

The purpose of this memo is to seek the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's concurrence that a road diet and roundabout project currently included in the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grouped Listing (TIP ID: VAR110007) may be separated out from the grouped listing and individually listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as Non-Exempt, Not Regionally Significant projects for regional air quality conformity purposes.

Project Descriptions

1. TIP ID: ALA110045

Project Title: Walnut Argonaut Lane Reduction & Roundabout

Sponsor: City of Fremont

Description: In the City of Fremont: On Walnut Avenue and Argonaut Way narrow the roadway from four lanes to two lanes. At the intersection of Walnut/Argonaut/Parkhurst Drive construct new roundabout.

Expanded Description: In the City of Fremont: On Walnut Avenue between Fremont Boulevard and Parkhurst Drive and on Argonaut Way between Mowry Avenue and Parkhurst Drive narrow the roadway from four lanes to two lanes, add parking lanes, install a short median (only on Walnut Avenue), maintain existing bicycle lanes. At the intersection of Walnut Avenue, Argonaut Way, and Parkhurst Drive construct new single lane approach roundabout. Intersection improvements will include new ADA ramps, restriping, new signs, and bulb-outs.

Conformity Issue

The project above is a road diet project and may not currently be treated as exempt from regional and project level conformity under 40 CFR 93.126 – Highway Safety Improvement Program Implementation. However, the project has traffic volumes under 20,000 ADT and is not regionally significant; therefore it is not modeled for conformity at the regional level.

MTC staff requests the Conformity Task Force's concurrence that this project be deemed Non-Exempt, Not Regionally Significant for regional conformity purposes. MTC staff is not seeking a determination on the status of these projects for project-level conformity purposes at this time.

Proposed 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

The 2011 TIP is financially constrained and covers the four fiscal years FY 2010-11 through FY 2013-2014. MTC adopted the 2011 TIP on October 27, 2010 (Resolution No. 3975). In addition, MTC made a conformity determination that finds the 2011 TIP and Transportation 2035 Plan conform to applicable federal air quality standards and implementation plans (Resolution No.

3976). Both the 2011 TIP and conformity determination were approved by FHWA/FTA on December 14, 2010.

The project outlined above is presently included in the 2011 TIP as part of the HSIP Grouped Listing (VAR110007). Since Non-Exempt projects may not be included in grouped listings, MTC staff is proposing an amendment to the 2011 TIP (TIP Revision 2011-36) to remove this project from that grouped listing and to create an individual listing for it.

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